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The Board for Geologists and Geophysicists (Board) issued a Citation and Fine of \$2,500 on January 18, 2006, to Mr. Jeff Lee, for violation of section 7872(a) of the Business and Professions Code (practicing or offering to practice geology or geophysics without a license). The fine amount was reduced to \$500 on March 22, 2006 due to mitigating factors. The citation was issued for practicing geology without a license when Mr. Lee interpreted the site geology, interpreted geologic datum, and made recommendations based on geologic interpretations on a report submitted to the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health on July 14, 2005.

Mr. Lee submitted a report titled "Preliminary Soil Investigation Report" (Report) dated June 21, 2005, signed and stamped "Jeff Lee, M.S., California Registered Environmental Assessor II REA II-20212", which was subsequently submitted to the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health on July 14, 2005. Board records show that Mr. Lee did not hold licensure as a Professional Geologist or Professional Engineer on or about the time of the submittal of the above-referenced report. Therefore, at all times relevant, Mr. Lee was not licensed to practice geology or to offer to practice geology for others in the State of California.

Section 125.9(d) of the Business and Professions Code which specifies that payment of the fine does not constitute admission of the violation charged and represents satisfactory resolution of the matter. Mr. Lee agreed to pay the fine and the case was closed on April 18, 2006.¹

¹ The Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) program "Performance Standards" under Title 14 California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3, subsection 19041(f) specifically state: "**All engineering and geologic work *shall* be performed by a registered professional in compliance with the requirements of the Professional Engineers Act, Business and Professions Code sections 6700-6799 and the Geologists and Geophysicists Act, Business and Professions Code sections 7800-7887.**" (emphasis and italic added)